

1 **SEC. ____.** **IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING OF MILITARY**
2 **MUNITIONS DISPOSAL SITES IN OCEAN WA-**
3 **TERS EXTENDING FROM UNITED STATES**
4 **COAST TO OUTER BOUNDARY OF OUTER CON-**
5 **TINENTAL SHELF.**

6 (a) **IDENTIFICATION OF MILITARY MUNITIONS DIS-**
7 **POSAL SITES.—**

8 (1) **REVIEW OF HISTORICAL RECORDS.—**The
9 Secretary of Defense shall conduct an ongoing re-
10 view of historical records to determine—

11 (A) the number and probable locations of
12 sites where the Armed Forces disposed of mili-
13 tary munitions within covered United States
14 ocean waters;

15 (B) the size of the disposal sites; and

16 (C) the types and quantities of military
17 munitions disposed of at the sites.

18 (2) **COOPERATION.—**The Secretary shall re-
19 quest the assistance of the Coast Guard, the Na-
20 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and
21 other relevant Federal agencies in conducting the re-
22 view required by this subsection.

23 (3) **RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—**The Sec-
24 retary shall periodically release, but no less often

1 than annually, information obtained during the re-
2 view conducted under this subsection. The Secretary
3 may withhold from public release information about
4 the exact nature and location of a disposal site if the
5 Secretary determines that the potential unauthorized
6 retrieval of military munitions at the site could pose
7 a significant threat to national defense or public
8 safety.

9 (4) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
10 retary shall include the information obtained during
11 a year through the review conducted under this sub-
12 section in the report submitted to Congress under
13 section 2706(a) of title 10, United States Code, for
14 the same year.

15 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF NAVIGATIONAL AND SAFETY
16 HAZARDS.—

17 (1) INFORMATION FOR NAUTICAL CHARTS AND
18 OTHER NAVIGATIONAL MATERIALS.—The Secretary
19 shall share information obtained through the review
20 conducted under subsection (a) with the Secretary of
21 Commerce to assist the National Oceanic and At-
22 mospheric Administration in preparing nautical
23 charts and other navigational materials for covered
24 United States ocean waters to identify known or
25 probable hazards from disposed military munitions.

1 (2) INFORMATION FOR USERS.—The Secretary
2 shall continue activities to inform potentially af-
3 fected users of the ocean environment, and particu-
4 larly fishing operations, of the possible hazards from
5 contact with military munitions and the proper
6 methods to mitigate such hazards.

7 (c) RESEARCH.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
9 research on the effects of military munitions dis-
10 posed of in covered United States ocean waters on
11 the ocean environment and on persons who use cov-
12 ered United States ocean waters.

13 (2) SPECIFIED RESEARCH EFFORTS.—The re-
14 search conducted under this subsection shall include
15 the following:

16 (A) The sampling and analysis of ocean
17 waters and seabeds at or adjacent to the mili-
18 tary munitions disposal sites selected by the
19 Secretary under paragraph (4) to determine
20 whether the disposed military munitions have
21 caused or are causing contamination of ocean
22 waters or seabeds.

23 (B) The investigation into what effects, in-
24 cluding public health risks, any such contami-

1 nation may have on the ocean environment and
2 persons using the ocean environment.

3 (C) The investigation into the long-term
4 effects of seawater exposure on military muni-
5 tions, particularly chemical munitions.

6 (D) The development of effective safety
7 measures when dealing with military munitions
8 disposed of in seawater.

9 (3) RESEARCH METHODS.—In conducting re-
10 search under this subsection, the Secretary may
11 make grants to, and enter into cooperative agree-
12 ments with, qualified research entities, as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary.

14 (4) RESEARCH LOCATIONS.—In conducting re-
15 search under this subsection, the Secretary shall en-
16 sure that the sampling, analysis, and investigations
17 are conducted at reasonably representative sites ap-
18 plying factors such as depth, water temperature, na-
19 ture of the military munitions present, and relative
20 proximity to shore populations. The Secretary shall
21 select at least two representative sites from each of
22 the following areas:

23 (A) Along the Atlantic coast.

24 (B) Along the Pacific coast (including the
25 coast of Alaska).

1 (C) Off the shore of the Hawaiian Islands.

2 (d) MONITORING.—If research conducted under sub-
3 section (c) at a military munitions disposal site indicates
4 that the disposed military munitions have caused or may
5 be causing contamination of ocean waters or seabeds, the
6 Secretary shall institute appropriate monitoring mecha-
7 nisms at that site to recognize and track the potential re-
8 lease of contamination into the ocean waters from military
9 munitions.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11 (1) The term “coast line” has the same mean-
12 ing given that term in section 2 of the Submerged
13 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1301).

14 (2) The term “covered United States ocean wa-
15 ters” means that part of the ocean extending from
16 the coast line to the outer boundary of the outer
17 Continental Shelf.

18 (3) The term “military munitions” has the
19 same meaning given that term in section 101(e) of
20 title 10, United States Code.

21 (4) The term “outer Continental Shelf” has the
22 same meaning given that term in section 2 of the
23 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
24 1331).

1 (5) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
2 of Defense.